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## CRANFORD STANDS OUT IN EMS COMPETITION



(above) Cranford First Aid Squad cadets brought home 2nd and 3rd place awards during the New Jersey State Cadet competition.

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### Submitted by Michelle Carneiro

Ten Cranford First Aid Squad cadets entered the New Jersey State Cadet competition. Cranford teams came home with 2nd and 3rd places. The event was hosted by Keyport First Aid Squad, with teams coming from New York and Pennsylvania in addition to New Jersey.

The Cranford team of Michelle Carneiro, Parth Shah, and Mikaylee Grohol won second place. The team of Caitlin Cook, Ally Licks, Emma DeBole, and Alex Machos won third place. Others competing were Kat Riggins, Gianni Matadial and Amanda Hogan. Advisors for the teams were Abraham Pritzker, Winona Whelan, Sue Lucas and Kent Lucas.

Cranford teams all competed in the Advanced division, where the three to four-person teams were required to have at least one certified EMT. They were judged in three scenarios, including a trauma victim, a cardiac victim and a motor vehicle collision with entrapped victims. Advanced teams were judged on patient assessment and proper equipment use

- backboard, traction splint, cervical collar, oxygen and nitroglycerin administration, obtaining vital signs, CPR and airway management. The teams worked with fire department crews during the car crash scenarios with actual vehicles.

The Cranford First Aid Squad cadet program consists of high school members, ages 16-18, with the intent of becoming New Jersey certified EMTs. Cranford has the largest cadet program in Union County with over 20 members.

"We strongly encourage all our high school members to take the Union County College EMT course and become EMTs" said advisor Kent Lucas. "They will get the most out of their time at Cranford First Aid Squad by becoming EMTs. Not all of our members plan to go into a medical field but they still benefit from the experience and will know how to handle any medical emergency when they finish."

The Cranford First Aid Squad is always seeking new members of all ages, with or without experience. Call 908-514-8858 or visit our Facebook page for more information.

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## FLORAPHILE GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFIES CRANFORD

*Submitted by Jenna Doscher*

Members of the Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford recently went to work to beautify the Cranford Community Center with the help of some mulch and colorful flowers. Community

service is one of the core focuses of the group. Every year they also help to clean-up and plant at Girl Scout Park, Orange Avenue Pool and the Cranford First Aid Squad. To learn more about the club visit them on Facebook.



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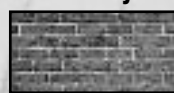
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Jane Randall, an immigrant from Scotland who met her husband overseas then moved to the U.S. after World War II to raise a family, celebrated her 100th birthday at her home at The Chelsea at Fanwood on Thursday, July 18th, 2019.

Mrs. Randall spent her childhood and young adult life in and around Edinburgh, raised by an aunt and uncle. After graduating high school she learned to use adding machines called comptometers, the first mechanical calculators that were actually invented in the U.S. in the late 19th century. She became experienced enough to teach young women how to use them. She later worked as an accountant at a brewery. She has vivid memories of being on the roof of the building where they worked to wave at the royal family when they came to town, especially Queen Elizabeth II wearing her signature bonnet.

She met her husband Ronald, a U.S. soldier stationed in the UK, and they moved to the states, settling first in Chicago and eventually ending up in Cranford, NJ. She enjoyed living there and was active in the Episcopal church. She volunteered for 30 years at a local resale shop.

Mrs. Randall had four children. She has six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her family celebrated her birthday separately. Her Chelsea friends celebrated with a cake and music.



*(above) Jane Randal, formerly of Cranford, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 18th, 2019 at her new home at The Chelsea at Fanwood.*

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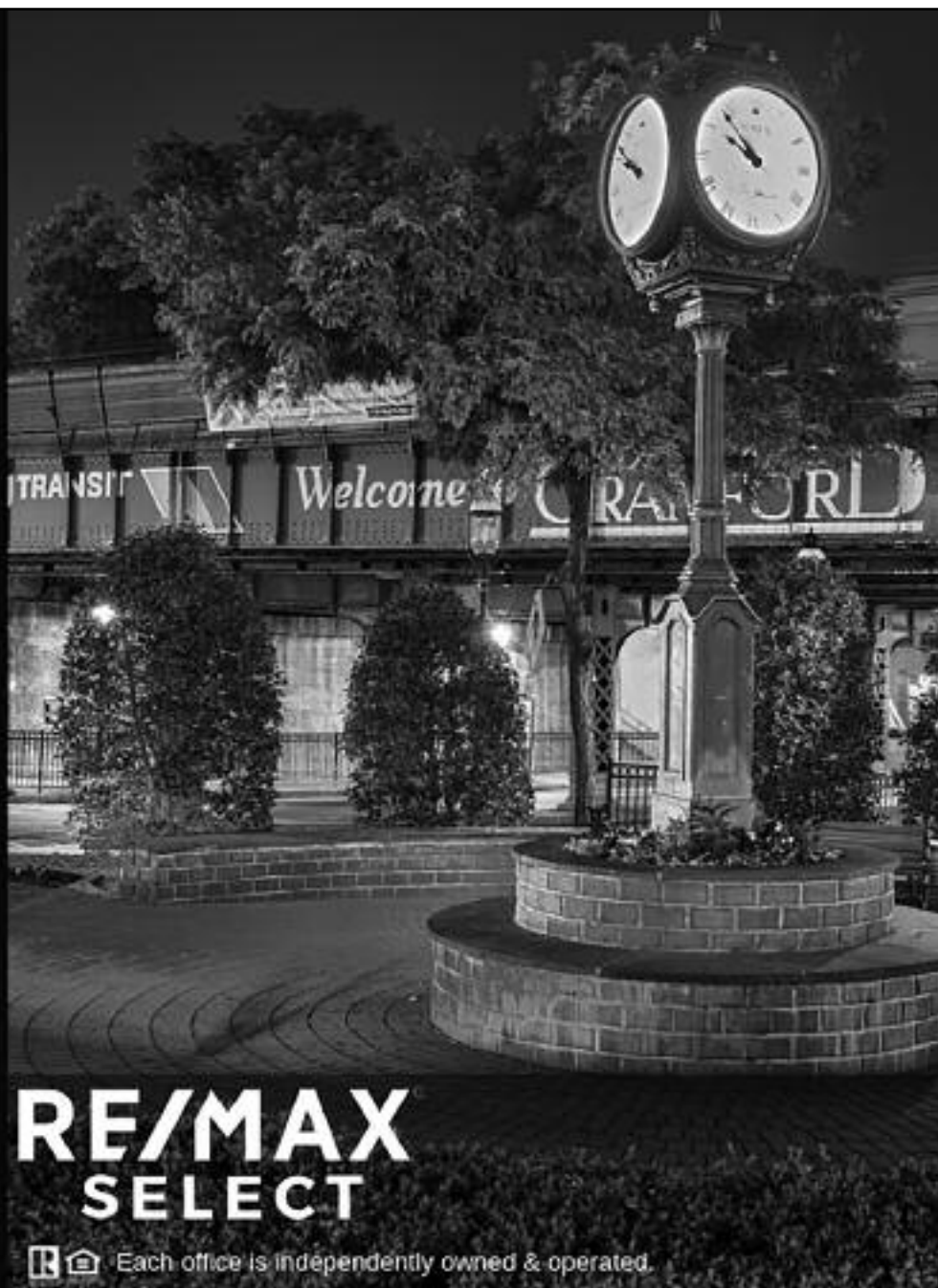
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## HANSON PARK NAMED TO “GARDEN STATE GARDENS”

Submitted by Linda Livelli

Hanson Park Conservancy is proud to announce that Hanson Park, located at 38 Springfield Avenue Cranford, NJ is now included among the 28 parks listed in “Garden State Gardens”, a Consortium of NJ's Public Gardens.

Garden State Gardens strives to increase the public's awareness and appreciation for the beauty and horticultural, educational, artistic and historic value of New Jersey's public gardens.

Michael Gross, Secretary of the GSG Consortium, recently took a walk-through Hanson Park with Trustee Ann Beams. Mike saw

our Black Gum Tree (*Nyssa sylvatica*) also known as a Pepperidge Tree. Michael got in touch with Joseph Bennett, Assistant Forester of the NJ Big Tree Conservation and Education Program for the NJ Forest Program in Trenton. Joseph will be coming to Hanson Park to measure and evaluate our Black Gum.

The GSG consortium meets a few times a year and the next meeting is in October. We look forward to HPC's participation in this group.

Please feel free to visit their website at [gardenstategardens.org](http://gardenstategardens.org) or our website at [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com).

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Cranford, or the Cranford Canoe Club on Springfield Ave. Ducks will be sold at the Cranford Downtown Street Fair on Sunday August 25, 2019 as well. Purchase a single Duck for \$5 or a flock of 5 ducks for \$20. Please secure your tickets early as ducks are limited, and the race has been known to sell out.

All proceeds benefit Hanson Park maintenance and educational programs. If you have not yet walked through this lovely little park, please visit this hidden gem located at 38 Springfield Ave. Have you got your Ducky?

## "HOW TREES WORK" – AUGUST 21ST

Please join us at Hanson Park on Wednesday, August 21st, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. for "How Trees Work," an educational program for 3rd-5th graders. During this free, hour-long class, students will learn all about trees from Master Tree Steward, Dean Talcott. Some of the topics covered will include: why leaves fall, the types of trees in NJ, how to tell the age of a tree and all about maple sugaring. A round of Tree Jeopardy will be played, all while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the park.

Hanson Park is located at 38 Springfield

Ave. in Cranford, NJ. This program is recommended for children in third through fifth grade. Registration is not required. In the event of inclement weather, we will be relocating to the Cranford Community Center at 220 Walnut Ave.

This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy, a non-profit group dedicated to developing and maintaining Hanson Park and providing the community with educational programs and workshops. To learn more, please visit our website, [hansonparkconservancy.com](http://hansonparkconservancy.com).



*(above) Hanson Park Conservancy's 9th Annual Rubber Ducky Derby will be held on October 13, 2019. Ducks can be purchased at Periwinkles, in downtown Cranford, or the Cranford Canoe Club.*



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Cranford Public Library Children's Librarian Lauren Anrolino did the honors of reading to the spellbound crowd.



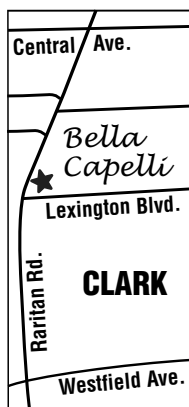
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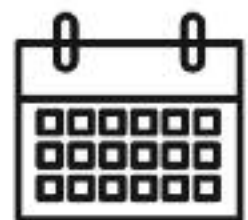
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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to visit their one day used book sale on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 10:00 am to 8:30 pm. Items for sale include more than 10,000 adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, and recorded books. Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.00, except for a few specially marked items. Enter through the side door. These book sales support programming for all ages. We hope to see you there!

## LIBRARY HAS A VISIT FROM THE BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL THERAPY DOGS

*Submitted by The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.*

On July 9, 2019 The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs visited the Cranford Public Library to facilitate their "Paws" for Reading program where furry friends lend a floppy ear to emerging readers to hone their reading skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. These programs help the children gain confidence by reading aloud. Practicing reading to the dogs makes it easier for the children to speak in front of groups later on.

The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization which evaluates, tests, trains and qualifies owners and their well behaved dogs as therapy dog teams. These teams give unconditional love, boost self-esteem, and relieve loneliness and boredom. Did you know petting a dog will lower your blood pressure? The benefits are endless. They work in nursing homes, hospitals, psychiatric wards, shelters, schools and many other facilities.

Pet therapists are in great demand, and there is a serious shortage of therapy dogs.

Our dogs visit children in pediatrics. Most of the children have never been away from home before. They are frightened, fearful at the prospect of having to spend the night in a big scary hospital. Sometimes the children are severely handicapped. When they visit, the dogs seem to spark a reaction no one has ever seen before. Children in hospitals hold therapy dogs while being infused with chemotherapy. Libraries and schools are discovering how reading out loud to a dog can relieve shyness and reduce inhibitions,

We visit lonely seniors in nursing and assisted living homes. The dogs and handlers provide a welcome change in their routine and often form lasting friendships with the patients. They bring back pleasant memories of family pets in days gone by.

When we visit rehabilitation facilities and hospitals, the patients are able to ease the boredom of institutional life or the pain of recent surgery by visits from a friendly face with a wagging tail. Sometimes a depressed patient who

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(above) Fourth grader Jake Bush reads to Molly, a Black Lab service dog.



(above) Fourth Grader Luke Carvalho reads to Charlie, a five year old Havansese, with handler Irene Schaefer with Bright and Beautiful Pet Therapy.

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The thirteenth class of the Cranford Police Department Youth Police Academy graduated on Friday, July 12, 2019 after completing a one-week course designed to expose them to the functions of the police department.

The academy program, designed to bridge the gap between the members of the police department and the youth of Cranford, included 51 cadets from Cranford between the ages of 11 and 14. "The primary goal of the Youth Police Academy is to encourage open communication between Cranford youth and the members of the Cranford Police Department" said Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco.

Each academy day started with one hour of physical fitness and military drill practice led by Patrolman Daniel Donnerstag followed by classroom lectures and demonstrations. Detective Steven D'Ambola and Captain Joseph Van Bergen coordinated training sessions designed to familiarize the cadets with the roles of Cranford police officers, as well as the functions of various county and state law enforcement agencies. During the week, cadets received classroom lectures and practical exercises on police

department structure, patrol operations, motor vehicle stops, investigative techniques, DWI, first aid/CPR, firearms safety, gang awareness, and traffic investigations. Patrolmen Ryan Gerrity and Lynne Galvez also assist in the daily activities.

Demonstrations were presented by the Cranford Police Department's Water Rescue Unit, Firearms Unit, Investigative Division, and Traffic Bureau. Additional presentations were made by the Cranford Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, United States Marine Corps, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Transit Police Department, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness, Union County Sheriff's K-9 and Crime Scene Units, Union County Bomb Squad, Union County SWAT, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Office of Emergency Management, United States Secret Service, and United States Homeland Security Investigations.

More than 150 family and friends of the cadets attended the graduation ceremony held at the Cranford Community Center. Chief Ryan Greco, Captain Joseph Van Bergen, and Detective

Steven D'Ambola led the graduation ceremonies. During the ceremony, family and friends were given an overview of the Youth Academy Program. The highlight of the graduation was a video depicting the weeklong training experience. All graduating cadets received certificates for their participation in the program.

This year's session of the academy was dedicated to Honorary Police Officer Raymond Schwartz who passed away earlier this year after a courageous fight against cancer. Ray was a previous Youth Academy cadet and junior instructor. In his honor the Ray Schwartz Memorial Award was created and awarded to a cadet for displaying exceptional integrity and dedication to the Cranford Police Department and Police Youth Academy. This year's award was presented to cadet Ryan Kilbashian.

Retired Secret Service Agent Tom Sloan donated a signed copy of his book "Guardians of Democracy" to each cadet. The book chronicles the 150-year history of the US Secret Service. In addition, he had every cadet sign a copy of the book in Ray's memory and the book was presented to the Schwartz family at graduation.

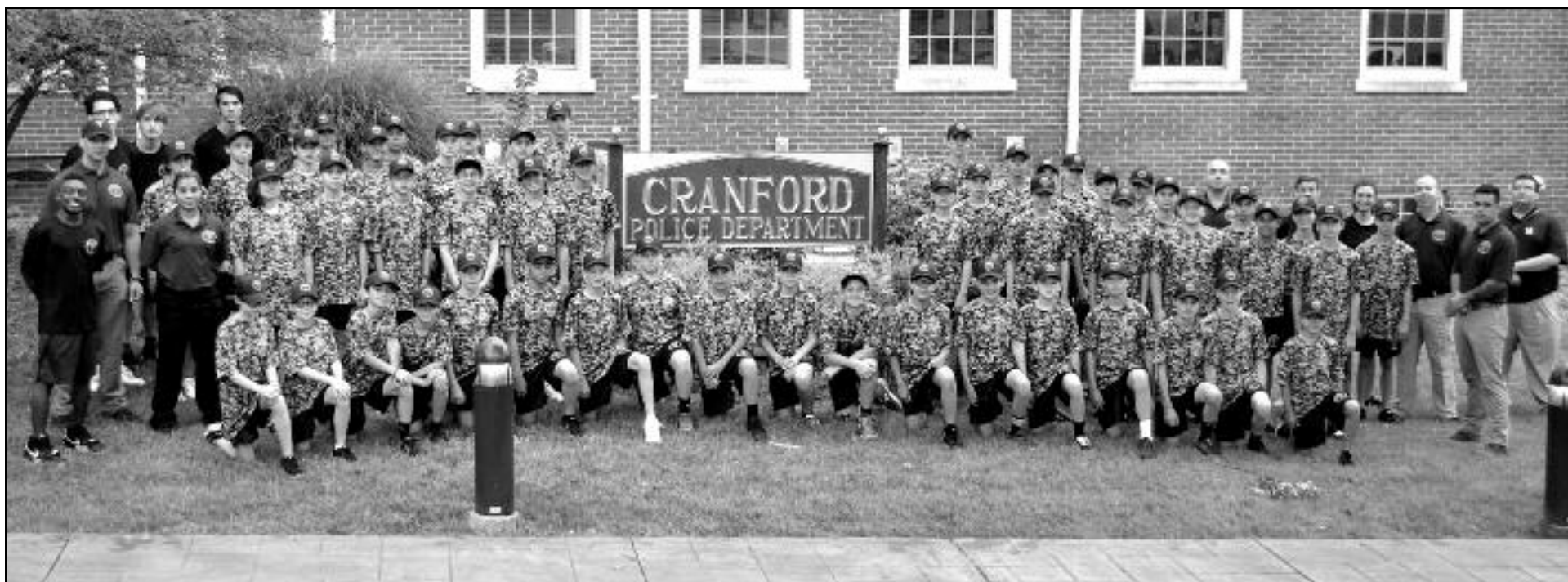


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1st Place: Sam Slayton & Gabe Westervelt

2nd Place: Anna McCabe

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3rd Place: Catherine Consorte

& Paige Nataline

#### 14 – 20 Years Old:

1st Place: Dylan Budnik & Jack Carroll

2nd Place: Johnny Bush & Matt Fonseca

3rd Place: Caroline McCaffery & Ian Scott

#### 21 Years and Older:

1st Place: Gavin Murray & Kevin Trotter

2nd Place: Dylan Budnik & Jack Carroll

3rd Place: Louis Bock & Paul Starkey

#### Mother & Child:

1st Place: Keri & Tori Billows

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The Hickory Tree Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines International invites women singers to register for its free “Summer Sing Series” to be held at The Shrine of St Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ.

You can come any Wednesday, July 10 through September 11, 2019 starting at 7:15 p.m. for chord-ringing, fun-filled, four-part a cappella music. On July 17 and 24 only, meet at the Chatham Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham.

Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

Pam Hegarty, whose first introduction to the chorus was through the “Sing A Cappella Series” stated, “If you enjoy singing and the idea

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The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus performs regularly throughout the community, produces an annual show, and awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to an area high school girl continuing her vocal music education in college.

For more information, or to register for the free “Summer Sing Series”, visit [hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org), email [info@hickorytreechorus.org](mailto:info@hickorytreechorus.org) or call 908-377-1399.



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*Submitted by Nancy Lama*

In July, a night of celebration and recognition was held for Literacy New Jersey's volunteer tutors at the Westfield Presbyterian Church. Over sixty tutors were recognized for years of service working with adults in Union County who struggle with reading, writing, and speaking English.

The theme of the event, “Sowing the Seeds of Literacy”, reflected how tutors cultivate a positive learning environment in which students grow their skills and achieve important personal and professional goals. Literacy NJ tutors help

adults improve their language skills, enabling them to find better jobs, advocate for their children at school, earn a high school diploma, and/or prepare for college.

ESL students Ioannis Petrou and Flor Barrera spoke about their increased confidence communicating with customers, teachers, doctors, and friends. Charles Baldwin thanked his tutors for giving him his life back by teaching him to read, and HSE student Shawn Boatswain described his journey from a small Caribbean island to earning a Master's Degree from Kean University.

Literacy New Jersey offers tutoring to adult residents of Union County in three areas: basic reading and writing, English as a Second Language, and preparation for the High School Equivalency exam. Tutors choose an area of interest and then typically volunteer two hours a week, working with a small group of students.

For more information about becoming a volunteer tutor, or the program in general, please call 908-486-1777 or email [bhathaway@literacynj.org](mailto:bhathaway@literacynj.org).



(above, l-r) Barbara Hathaway, Jerry Green, Sydel Kessler-Levy, Liela Bernstein, and Mike Krasner were among 60 volunteers celebrated for their years of volunteer service with Literacy New Jersey.



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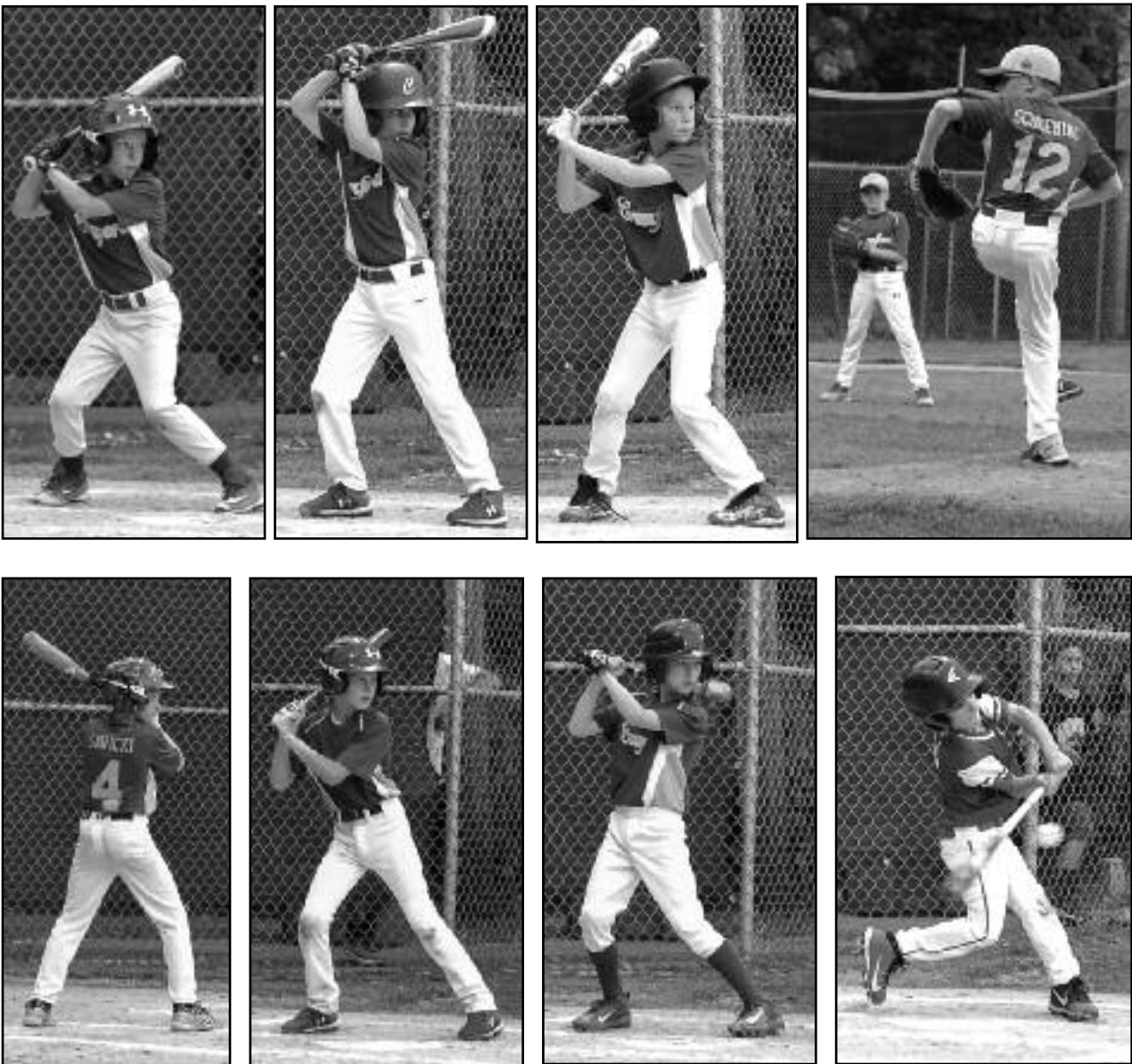
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If you're a fan of Riverdale, Mean Girls, or Buffy the Vampire Slayer, then the cautionary story of high school bullying offered up in Carrie might be for you. CDC Theatre in Cranford is mounting a special summer production of Carrie, the Musical that will have a limited run on August 2, 3 and 4, 2019.

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"We wanted to see if there were interest from college-age students, home for summer break, to do a professional level show that showcases their talents.", director Sean Lough recent shared. "The amount of talent is incredible. These college students are tomorrow's stars."

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## LORI LUBIESKI-HUTMAKER NAMED NEW ORANGE AVENUE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Cranford Board of Education is pleased to announce Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker as the new principal of Orange Avenue School. Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker was selected after an extensive search process which included multiple interviews with the selection committee (superintendent, asst. superintendent, parents, administrators, and teachers); reviews of work samples; and a very thorough reference check.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker began her educational career as an eighth grade Social Studies teacher in East Brunswick at Churchill Junior High School. After two years, she returned to West Windsor Plainsboro High School (South) as a United States History Teacher where she had worked previously as an instructional aide. During these six years, she taught American Studies I, II, I ESL, II ESL, and Advanced Placement United States History and worked with three student teachers. As part of her administrative experience, she developed curricula for ESL students in Biology. Her first administrative position was the Assistant Principal at Lenape Valley Regional High School where she worked for ten years. Here she developed an Undergraduate Awards program and also led a transition to a new schedule. For the last three years, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker has been the Assistant Principal at Madison Junior

School where she has implemented initiatives that focus on the social and emotional well-being of students, while also enhancing the academic program. Furthermore, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker is highly focused on supporting faculty. She recently enhanced a new teacher orientation program to support new school staff. Additionally, as the District's School Safety Specialist, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker has been instrumental in improving safety throughout the District.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker began her collegiate studies at St. Joseph's University studying Finance. After one year, she transferred to Trenton State College where she studied Public Administration and was a member of the 1992 Softball National Championship Team. From working with children in clinics, she was inspired to complete her Master of Arts in Teaching degree in 1995. While teaching and also coaching softball at Princeton University and Rider University, she earned her second Masters in Secondary Administration from Rider in 2004.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker is extremely excited to be named the new Principal of Orange Avenue School. She looks forward to working collaboratively with parents, students, and staff to ensure the success of the Orange Avenue School community.

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